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Economic Research, Dharwar, and to sanction an expenditure of Rs. 4,000 in this regard.

To minimise the incidence of the ever increasing number of traffic accidents and violation of the Traffic Rules, a "Traffic Safety Week" has been held all over the State shortly. The main object of the week is to educate the users of the vehicles and members of the public regarding the rules of the road and to carry on active propaganda through posters, lectures in Colleges and Schools, Radio talks and Film shows.

PRISONS DEPARTMENT

The expenditure which was to the tune of 31.9 lakhs in the year 1957-58, just after the Reorganisation of States, has increased to 42.5 lakhs in the year ending March 1963. Government is giving due consideration for progress in the Department by introducing modern methods in the treatment of offenders.

The Carpentry Sections in the Jails at Bangalore, Belgaum and Gulbarga were expanded at a cost of Rs. 30,000 by installing some of the latest type of wood working machines run by power. The tailoring section was improved by purchase of some more machines to cope up with the increased work at an expenditure of Rs. 10,000. Accessories to the power looms at an expenditure of Rs 12,00 were sanctioned to improve their working. New industries like Soap making and Phenyle manufacture have been introduced.

As a result of these schemes the receipts of the Department have also increased appreciably. The Jail receipts which were about Rs. 4.5 lakhs during 1960-61 have gone up to Rs. 6.6 lakhs during 1962-63, and are expected to reach Rs. 8 lakhs during 1963-64.

A notable feature is that prisoners, apart from the members of the staff, are liberally contributing to the national cause by way of cash and kind by foregoing rations and they are also donating blood to the blood bank. They have also been encouraged to buy National Savings Certificates out of their earnings and private cash.

There is also a proposal to have in all major jails a psychiatrist for the proper study and suggesting treatment of offenders for their ultimate rehabilitation after release.

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

MYSORE STATE ROAD TRANSPORT CORPORATION.

The Mysore State Road Transport Corporation has made all round progress during the year in operations as well as in the implementation of the various development schemes under the Third Five-Year Plan.

The last few years since States Reorganisation have been mainly devoted to the consolidation and rationalisation of services operated and